



New Health Coverage Options for You!

What is new?

The Department is seeking federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to join most Iowa Medicaid programs together into one managed care program called IA Health Link. This new program will give you the same health coverage you know and use, but will be covered by a Managed Care Organization (MCO) that you get to choose.

In order to receive federal approval, Iowa will need to demonstrate that the Department, the MCOs, and your health care providers are ready to meet your needs through the new program. If the Department demonstrates that the new program is ready, it will begin on January 1, 2016.

What is a managed care organization?

A managed care organization (MCO) is a health plan. The coverage offered by the providers in the MCO will be just right for you.

Will my benefits change?

Your benefits will not change and you do not need to do anything right now. Your medical, mental health, and long term care or in-home services and support benefits will be covered by a managed care organization. If you receive covered dental services, they will be the same. More information will be sent to you about your options in the near future.

Can I keep my provider?

You may be able to keep your current medical health providers, mental health providers, and case management agency until at least June 30, 2016, as long as your provider(s) choose to participate with the MCOs. The IA Health Link program has made sure that long term care or in-home services and support providers will have the chance to be part of the MCOs through the end of December 2017. Each managed care organization will have a network of providers across the state of Iowa. If you would like to change your provider, you can choose from the managed care organization's network of providers.

How can I learn more?

To learn more about this change, please visit dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members or call 1-800-338-8366.

You are being sent this letter because you are eligible for health coverage today. If you are no longer eligible for Medicaid on or before January 1, 2016, this letter will not apply to you.

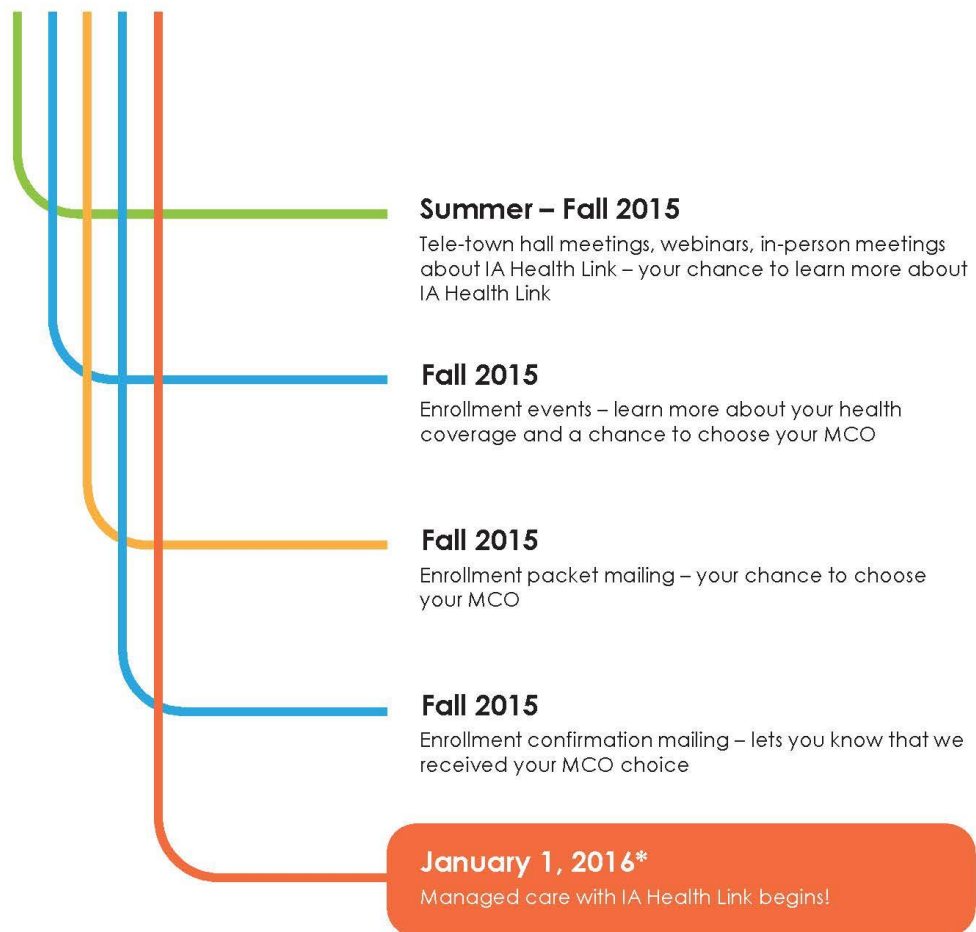
Questions?

If you have any questions about this change or your health coverage, please call the Iowa Medicaid Member Services Unit at **1-800-338-8366**, or in the Des Moines area at 515-256-4606. Help is available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. You may also email Member Services at IMEMemberServices@dhs.state.ia.us.

Para solicitar este documento en español, comuníquese con Servicios para Miembros al teléfono 1-800-338-8366 de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes



Steps to IA Health Link Timeline



*Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval



IA Health Link Long Term Care Questions and Answers

Why am I changing to IA Health Link?

Understanding health care coverage can be difficult, especially if there are lots of different programs with different rules. IA Health Link brings Iowa Medicaid programs together into a single program for individuals and families to get the best care they need.

What is managed care?

Managed care is a way to get help for all of your health care needs with one health plan. This is to help you stay healthy.

Where can I get care?

You can get care from any Iowa Medicaid provider. You will need to check with your MCO to make sure that your provider(s) will continue to provide services through the MCO's provider network.

How do I know if a service is covered with IA Health Link or not?

Your covered services will not change. All of the medical benefits and Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver benefits available today will continue to be available through the MCO.

I take medicine. Will it still be covered?

Yes. All benefits that are available to you today will continue with your MCO. Your MCO will provide coverage for your approved medicine.



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Can I change my MCO after the program begins?

We want you to have a MCO that you are comfortable with and can help you meet your medical needs. You may change your MCO at any time for good cause or you can change your MCO any time within the first few months. Needing services from a provider within a different MCO's network is an example of good cause.

What happens if I move?

If you move, please contact the Department of Human Services call center at 1-877-347-5678. We will update your address in our records. Beginning January 1, 2016, the MCOs will have a statewide provider network to allow for you to move through the state without having to change coverage. You may contact your MCO to learn about providers near your new address.

What will I need to do now?

You do not need to do anything at this time. You will get a notice to let you know when you need to make a MCO choice. Please watch your mail and iahealthlink.gov for updates.

Will I have to pay for IA Health Link?

If you had any form of cost sharing before IA Health Link, it will continue after January 1, 2016.

Where do I go for help?

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